



Mobile phones are not allowed at St James

See it, hear it, take it!

- **Mobile phones are not allowed to be used during the school day.** You may have your phone on you, however, it must not be seen or heard or it will be confiscated. We would therefore suggest that you either leave it at home, or keep it in your bag (turned off/or silent) from the moment you enter the school building. As mobile phones are not allowed during the school day, this means that **headphones will not be needed** and therefore **should not** be worn.
- The only exception to this is in lessons when **teachers have the discretion** to allow students to use their mobile phones to aid learning. This must be directed by the teacher. This exception applies to the one occasion only, not every lesson with that teacher/in that subject. If phones are allowed the teacher will display a 'Mobile Phone Zone' sign which will indicate that phones are allowed to be used and what the phones are allowed to be used for.
- If a mobile phone is confiscated, students will be given a Behaviour Point and their phone will be taken to Reception. They will be able to collect their phone at the end of the school day. If a student's phone is confiscated a second time then the student and parent will need to collect the phone from the Headteacher. Subsequent confiscations will result in more permanent sanctions and the phone being confiscated for a significantly longer period of time.
- If students need to access ClassCharts or complete Independent Study then they can use the IT suites which are open at break time and lunchtime.
- Mobile phones must not be used to contact parents/carers during the school day otherwise the phone will be confiscated. If there is an emergency, students should speak to a member of staff at Reception to use the school phone, or to ask permission to use their own phone whilst at Reception.

Why no phones in school?

- To ensure that students are kept safe whilst in school
- To ensure that students are 100% focused on their learning and making excellent progress
- To stop the inappropriate use of mobile phones in school
- To reduce the amount of time students spend on social media and smartphones which has been proven to have a detrimental impact
- To promote face to face communication between students
- To reduce instances of online bullying in school

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